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tention, must be addressed to the publishers—post

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## BUSINESS DIRECTORY--1855

Ottawa Iron Works, Ottawa Point, Ot-

tawa County, Mich.

FERRY & CHANDLER, Manufacturers of

Stationary and Marine, high or low pressure

Engines, Mill Gearing, Iron and Brass Castings.

Post Office address, Grand Haven, Mich.

Wm. M. Ferry, Jr., M. T. E. Chandler.

TIMOTHY FLETCHER, County Clerk and

Register of Deeds, for Ottawa County. Grand

Haven, Mich.

WILLIAM HATHAWAY, Jr., Judge of Pro-

bate for Ottawa Co. P. O. address, Crookery,

Ottawa Co., Mich.

GEORGE PARKS, Treasurer of Ottawa Co.,

and Justice of the Peace.

R. W. DUNCAN, Attorney at Law, and Solicit-

or in Chancery; also agent for obtaining Bounty

Lands, and collecting claims against the United

States, in connection with a General Agency

at Washington. Office third door below the

Washington House.

CROSVENOR REED, Attorney and Counsel-

or at Law. All business entrusted to me will be

promptly and satisfactorily attended to. Resi-

dence, Charleston Landing, Ottawa Co., Mich.

ROBERT H. WILBER, Notary Public, Coun-

ty Clerk's Office, Grand Haven, Mich.

New Wholesale and Retail Bookstore,

Rathbun Buildings, Monroe st., Grand Rapids.

ALL articles in the Book and Stationery line,

Paper Hangings, etc., supplied on the most reason-

able terms.

J. TERNHUSE, Jr.

FERRY & WALLACE, Dealers in Fancy

Goods, Clothing, Boots and Shoes, Hardware

and Groceries. Water st., Grand Haven, Mich.

Thos. W. Ferry, Noah H. Ferry.

FERRY & CO., Manufacturers of Lumber, and

Dealers in all kinds of Merchandise, Provisions,

Shingle-Bolts, and Shingles. White Lake, Ocea-

na Co., Mich.

Wm. Preusser, A. Preusser.

WM. PREUSSER & CO., Clock and Watch

Makers, Jewelers, and dealers in Musical In-

struments. Particular attention paid to repairing

fine Watches. Monroe street, Grand Rapids,

Michigan.

FOSTER & PARRY, Wholesale and Retail

Dealers in Hard and Hollow-Ware, Iron, and

Manufacturers of Tin and Sheet-Iron Ware, foot

of Monroe street, Grand Rapids, Mich.

STONE & CHUBB, Manufacturers of Plows,

Cultivators, and Grain Cradles, and dealers in

all kinds of Agricultural Implements, and Ma-

chines. Agricultural Warehouse, Canal street,

Grand Rapids, Mich.

M. B. HOPKINS, Attorney and Counselor at

Law and Solicitor in Chancery. Office first door

west of H. Griffin's store

R. J. COLLINS, Physician and Surgeon, Mill

Point, Ottawa Co., Mich. Rooms at L. M. S.

Smith's Drug Store.

STEPHEN MONROE, Physician and Sur-

geon. Office over J. T. Davis' Tailor Shop—

Washington street.

FERRY & SONS, Forwarding and Commis-

sion Merchants. Central Dock, Grand Haven,

Mich.

GILBERT & CO., Manufacturers and Dealers

in Lumber, Shingles, Staves, Wood and Timber.

Grand Haven, Feb. 23, 1854.

JOHN T. DAVIS, Merchant Tailor. Shop on

Washington street, second door west of H. Grif-

fin's store.

HOPKINS & BROTHERS, Storage, Forward-

ing and Commission Merchants; general dealers

in all kinds of Dry Goods, Groceries, Grain and

Provisions; manufacturers and dealers whole-

sale and retail in all kinds of lumber. Mill

Point, Mich.

C. DAVIS & CO., Dealers in Dry Goods, Groc-

eries, Provisions, Hardware, Crockery, Boots and

Shoes, &c. Muskegon, Mich.

WASHINGTON HOUSE, By Henry Pennoyer.

The proprietor has the past spring newly

fitted and partly re-furnished this House, and

feels confident visitors will find the House to

compare favorably with the best in the State.

HENRY GRIFFIN, Commission Merchant and

General Agent, Dealer in Salt, Flour, Dry and

Green Fruits, Provisions, Family Groceries,

Drugs, Medicines, Perfumery, &c., &c., at his old

stand opposite the Washington House, Grand

Haven, Michigan.

A. B. BIDWELL & SON, Confectionery and

Bakery, Grand Rapids, Mich. C. B. Albee agent

for Grand Haven and vicinity.

CORN SHELLERS, Various Kinds, at

S. & C's. Ag'l. Warehouse.

PORTABLE HAY PRESSES (Vertical and Hor-

izontal) for sale at

S. & C's. Ag'l. Warehouse.

STRAW, Hay and Cornstalk Cutters at

S. & C's. Ag'l. Warehouse.

## DO THEY MISS ME AT HOME?

BY TRAVELER.

Do they miss me at home?—do they miss me?

'Twould be an assurance most dear

To know that my name was forgotten,

As though I had never been there.

To know that the tailor and landlord,

And the banks where my paper is due,

And hosts whom I now can not mention,

Had banished me quite from their view.

Do they miss me at home?—do they miss me,

When the market for money is "tight,"

And collectors with haste are pursuing

Their debtors by day and by night?

Do the friends who once loaned me a "fifty,"

And the others, that loaned me a "ten,"

Have a sigh of regret as they miss me,

And wish they could see me again?

Do they miss me at home?—do they miss me

When no longer I'm seen upon "Change,"

And do those who were wont to assist me,

Say "his conduct's infernally strange?"

Does the Shylock who loaned me his money,

To bear me to regions unknown,

Look in vain for occasion to dun me,

And wish I again were at home?

Do they miss me at home?—Do they miss me?

'Twould be an assurance most dear,

To know that my name was forgotten,

As though I had never been there!

But I know that my memory lingers

Around the dear place as I roam,

And while I've my wits and my cressers,

They'll miss me—they'll miss me at home!

## INFLUENCE OF THE PRESS.

Mr. Everett, in his admirable oration at

Dorchester on the 4th of July, pays the follow-

ing tribute to the great importance, power

and influence of an independent press:

It is impossible fully to comprehend the im-

portance of the work which was accomplished in

the colonization of America, without re-

garding it as a part of the great plan of Provi-

dence, in disposing the time and circum-

stances of the discovery of our continent; hidden

as it was till the end of the fifteenth century

from the rest of the world. This thought was

brought so forcibly to my mind a few years

since by a circumstance personal to myself,

that I think you will pardon me for alluding

to it, though in itself of a trifling domestic

character. In the year 1841, I occupied with

my family the Villa Careggi near Florence,

a mansion once, as its name imports, (*Cara-*

*regia*), a princely residence, belonging to the

Grand Duke of Tuscany, but of late years

private property and occasionally leased to

travelers. Half fortress, half palace, it was

by Cosmo de Medici in 1444, nine years

before the capture of Constantinople by the

Ottomans in 1453. By that appalling event,

a barbarous race (which had issued from the

depths of Asia some centuries before, and had

engrafted the Mehmetan imposture on the

primitive stock of Tartarian paganism,) had

stormed the last stronghold of the ancient

civilization, the metropolis of the Greek Em-

pire, and established the religion of the Kor-

an at the heart of the old world.

Had no great event occurred to renovate

the civilization of the West, it is not easy to

imagine what might have been at this day

the condition of Christendom. Even as it

was, the Sultan was for two centuries forward

the scourge and the terror of the Mediterranean,

and the master of some of the finest provin-

ces of Eastern Europe.

But the first germ of revival sprung from

the ruins of the old civilization. A

host of learned and ingenious men, Christi-

an scholars—fled from the edge of the Turk-

ish scimitar and took refuge in Italy. They

were received with hospitality there and espe-

cially by the merchant princes of Florence.

The Platonic Academy was established in

the arcades of the Villa Carreggi—a great

intellectual restoration took place in Italy and

spread rapidly to the west of Europe—where

precisely at the same time the art of printing,

(after slowly struggling through successive

stages of improvement in the cities of the

Netherlands and the Rhine,) burst upon the

world in a state of perfection not surpassed

at the present day. The stores of learning

and thought accumulated by the mind of

antiquity were thrown open to the world.

The modern Bar and Senate were not yet

created, philosophy, stammered in the jargon

of the schools; but Cicero and Demosthenes,

and Plato steeped forth from the dusty alcoves

of Monkish libraries. The pulpit of St.

Chrysostom was hushed, but Moses and the

prophets, the Evangelists and the Apostles

rose, if I may venture to say so, as from the

dead.

The first book ever published with a date

appeared in 1455, just four centuries ago this

year, and in 1462, nine years only after the

Koran began to be read at Constantinople,

the Bible went forth on the wings of the

press to the four quarters of the world. Ma-

homet the second had struck down the last

Christian emperor, but Faust, Schœffer, and

Gutenberg, the Strasburg printers, aimed

a deadlier blow at Mahomet the first, his

code of barbarism, and all the hosts of politi-

cal and spiritual darkness throughout the

world. The walls of Byzantium spouting

torrents of unquenchable flame had crumbled;

but the mind of the world rallied to the new

combat under the living artillery of the press,

and came off victorious. A conflict more

important to humanity was never waged on

earth. And from that day to this the civil-

ized world of Europe and America is indebt-

ed for that superiority which no second night

of ignorance can darken, no new incursion of

vandalism can overthrow, to an enlightened,

conscientious, independent press.

Let it be borne in mind that the barbarian

power which so struck at the life of Christen-

dom, and for a time threatened to extinguish

the light of freedom and civilization, is the

very same power, though sunk into decrepitude,

which the Allies are endeavoring to

sustain in Europe—a task as hopeless as to

galvanize a corpse into life.

## OUR RELATIONS WITH DENMARK.—

We are happy to be able to state, on the most

reliable authority, that measures are in pro-

gress by the United States Government which

will put to rest all fears of any collision with

Denmark, growing out of our refusal to sub-

mit longer to the Sound dues. A messenger

is on the way, if not already in Denmark,

charged with important dispatches to our

representative at Copenhagen, directing him

to enter into negotiations anew in regard to

these taxes. Of course nothing is known as to

the instructions he takes to the United

States Charge des Affairs there. It is suf-

ficient, however, to state that our Govern-

ment has no desire to force a friendly power,

situated as Denmark is at the present time,

into any hasty measures which may compel